

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Norman Winkler, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi and Kevin Spilman. Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Councilman Jerry Kent was absent.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March 13, 2012 were approved as presented on a motion by Bruce Levi, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

E-911

Nick White, President of the Fire Chiefs Association along with other area fire department fire chiefs appeared before the council to discuss the changes of SB 345. Verlin Custer, Raleigh Fire Dept Fire Chief reported that E- 911 land wire funds can be used for the narrow rebanding of radios.

The fire departments are asking for approximately \$70,000.00 to be used for all radios, pagers and hand-held radios.

Chuck Jenkins indicated that he expected no funding.

Verlin Custer reviewed the request: Rushville Twp. \$7,300.00; Raleigh \$18,918.00; Anderson \$7,675.00; Carthage \$3,728.00; Glenwood \$8,000.00; Manilla \$19,664.00; Posey \$5,000.00

Raleigh Fire Dept. has taken into consideration the Community Foundation Grant when calculating the necessary funding needed.

Glenwood is pursuing getting partial funding from Fayette County. Manilla is also willing to approach Shelby County for 50% of their funding.

Gerald Mohr instructed the auditor to gather the necessary department request and to forward it to the council. The council will look at it and discuss it.

HEALTH

Dr. Dorothy Boersma, Rush County Health Officer, submitted the 2011 Health Department Annual Report for the council to review.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

Brad Smith, Rush Memorial CEO, presented and reviewed the 2011 year end Rush Memorial Ambulance financials with the council members. Smith reported that the county has a \$390,664.00 credit waiting on their request to be used in the future.

The question of if the \$86,000.00 was coming out of the \$390,644.00 was presented. The auditor responded that if and when the council instructed her to make the request she would then do so.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, reported that the Solid Waste board did meet Monday April 9th. The board is taking RFP's (Request For Proposals) to tear down the former White Felt building.

The 2011 annual report is posted on line. Yeend also noted that the solid waste district was featured in the Rushville Republican Progress Edition.

COMMISSIONER

Ken Masters spoke of the commissioners support of the current Rush Memorial Ambulance service has been pretty good. Masters shared that they were not trying to take away from the other services but it is needed and needs to be supplemented.

Gerald Mohr share his concerns that the county is under many pressures by the state to be looking at long term contracts.

Bruce Levi questioned Brad Smith how this was affecting the employees. Smith responded that he needs to be included in the conversations. He feels that he has been excluded and his employees are hearing rumors and he is unable to respond. Smith asked to be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. Smith ended that the two (2) to three (3) proposed year contract could probably go away.

Chuck Jenkins, Rushville City Fire Chief, shared he was confused, because the Rush Memorial Hospital Board President has been in contact with Mayor Pavey regarding the proposed Rushville City fire department ambulance service. Jenkins did share his proposal of a city ambulance service. Jenkins shared that he has approached the Board of Works to provide BLS (Basic Life Support) and ALS (Advance Life Support). Jenkins shared that 75% of Rushville Fire Dept runs are currently medical so he went to the Mayor to work on a plan. The plan was shared with two (2) Board of Works Members; Two (2) Council persons and Three (3) Professionals. They looked at the plan and provided feedback. Jenkins is currently working on a business plan to present to the Board of Works.

Jenkins shared that he felt that it was only advantageous to help the county with another service and that he did understand Brad Smiths concerns.

Gerald Mohr questioned Jenkins if the proposed Rushville City Fire Department service was for the city boundaries only. Jenkins responded that yes it was, but he was looking at adding on the middle district.

Chuck Jenkins did apologize for the rumors at the expense of the employees at Rush Memorial Ambulance, but, the Rushville City Fire Department is a Fire Based EMS service and is the best model to deliver EMS service.

Gerald Mohr questioned Jenkins if the council will see the final proposed plan. Jenkins responded that yes, once it was approved by both the Board of Works and the Rushville City Council.

E.C.D.C.

Jim Finan, E.C.D.C. Director, reported to the council on:

- Strategic Planning 101
- Livestock Friendly Program - has been placed on the shelf
- Wind Energy Farms - Public Hearing May 22, 2012. Gerald Mohr asked for a copy of a map indicating the proposed area for the placement of the wind mill farms. Deborah will post the map on the county website along with the public hearing notice.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-four (44) inmates currently incarcerated in the Rush County Jail.

Sherwood discussed drug cases handled by DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) are now able to return forfeiture monies to the sheriff and to be set up into a forfeiture fund. The county attorney will create an ordinance establishing this fund for the council to approve. The auditor asked that the Indiana Code from which to create and to expense from the fund be included in the ordinance.

Sherwood invited the council to a gathering for former merit deputy Bill Todd Saturday April 14 at the Jackson Twp. community building.

Sherwood announced that Daniel Meyer will graduate from the academy on Friday, April 13th.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, announced that Kate Singleton has been hired as the assistant area plan director.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval line two reduction on Resolution 2012-2 by a motion received from Kevin Spilman. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

Gerald Mohr shared that the former Community Center Committee was disbanded and a new larger committee called "Partners for Progress" is in the process of being formed with both

the city and county represented. Mohr shared how this group will make a positive impact onto the community. There will be approximately 30 sub-committees.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

County Attorney Leigh Morning had prepared the contracts for Rush Memorial Ambulance. Following further discussion, Chairman Gerald Mohr stated that the council would act on the contract during the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Norman Winkler. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>
Gerald Mohr, Chairman	Warren Norris	Norman Winkler

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

<u>/s/Jerry Kent</u>
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

<u>/s/Deborah C. Adams</u>
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor